Times-Virginian Editorials

THE USE OF "MR." AND OTHER FORMALITIES

(The Baltimore Sun)

Mr. Keats Speed, a New York newspaper man who died recently, had an idiosyncrasy for which he was celebrated. He called his colleagues "Mr."

Mr. Speed himself would hardly have regarded this habit as worth mentioning. Born in Kentucky and reaching manhood at the turn of the century he was merely continuing what was universal practice in his youth. What a contrast to today's usage when people are scarcely introduced before they are addressing each other by their first names.

When Mr. Speed was growing up, Kentucky gentlemen tipped their hats to each other. They did it in Maryland too. Young men conversing with their elders also made frequent use of the word "Sir."

Women, like the men, were ruled by formality. In either case, maintaining standards usually involved doing something physically unpleasant and tedious. All of it added up to self-discipline.

Today custom allows us to take the line of least resistance. We do what is agreeable and defend our action on the point of common sense. Is the departure from formality to be regretted? Has any great harm been done? Persons adhering to Mr. Speed's school of conduct, though lacking the courage to carry on, are inclined to agree when they look around the world today.

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT OF DIFFERENT PARTIES

(Winchester Star)

We have been asked whether it is possible for the United States to have a President and a Vice President of different parties. The answer is in the affirmative.

Suppose, for example, a three-way race developes next November: Republican, New Deal Democrat and Southern Democrat. If the popular vote should be so divided that no group had a majority of the electoral votes, the House of Representatives would choose the President and the Senate would choose the Vice President. In the House, the election would be on the basis of one vote per state, so if House Republicans keep their present majorities in 25 states, they could select the President. And the Democrats, if they hold their present four-man majority in the Senate, could determine the Vice President.

This is an interesting possibility.

GOOD MEN

(Eastern Shore News)

Some years ago Bernard Russell wrote an entertaining article on the "Harm That Good Men Do" in which he showed the handicap to progress which can plainly be attributed to men who are "good" but not enlightened.

A leading banker used to say to his family: "Don't worry about the bad people. There are not many of them, anyway, and the police will take care of them as a rule. It is the stupid people who can make most of the trouble."

Nature punishes stupid people with as much ferocity as people punish what they consider wickness. We, at least, should not condone as leaders people without imagination, intelligence and courage—merely because they are good.

OUR OBJECTIVE IS PEACE

(Detroit News)

The United States and its friends must never abandon the hope for peace, or the last word in urging it. They must neglect no opportunity to press for disarmament, revising their proposals in conformity with any reasonable Russian suggestions. The World should never be left in doubt that, with us, the aim of rearmament is, not war, but a disarmed peace.

George Washington was first inaugurated to the Presidency in New York City on April 30, 1789.

GERMS WERE ALWAYS IN CHINA

(Milwaukee Journal)

Silly as it seems to Americans, the Communist charge that the United States is using germ warfare in North Korea and China is useful propaganda both for the Kremlin and the Chinese Red Government.

Outside of China, in other Communist held areas and in Russia itself, the constant repetition of the germ warfare charge is ammunition in the eternal "hate America" campaign. To people who hear no refutation, who get no outside knowledge of the world, the charge may sound plausible. To the Chinese, eternally afflicted with illness and disaster, the charge provides a culprit for troubles hitherto blamed on the fates.

The vehemence with which the Chinese Communists have taken up the germ warfare line is an indication that China is having a recurrence of starvation and disease. It is nothing new. It is what China has experienced for centuries. All that is new is the claim of the Reds that this time the United States is to blame.

Actually, China is eternally ripe for pestilence, and needs no germ warfare to bring it. China's basic lack is food. The lack is not only in the amount of food, but in the kind of food the Chinese eat. Floods, earthquakes, typhoons and droughts frequently prevent crops from growing. Locusts often destroy them when they do grow. The Chinese, over centuries, have denuded their forests, misused their river systems, ignored every element of conservation. Huge populations quickly consume what they produce. The economic system has never made provision for using the fat of good years in lean years.

Beyond that, China is a protein hungry land. Its food lacks vitamins necessary to health. The lack of proper quantities of iron in their staple foods makes the Chinese the most anemic in the world. This is well pointed out in a new book, "The Geography of Hunger," by Josue de Castro. Anemia is aggravated by widespread parasitical infestation - hookworm and other types of worm afflictions.

The poorness of the soil and the need for fertilizer forces the Chinese into a vicious circle. What comes from the soil must go back to restore the soil. They use human waste for fertilizer. That waste, in turn, spreads the diseases that afflict China. It is estimated that 4,000,000 people a year die in China as a result of contamination by fertilization methods. China's death rate of 30 per thousand is the "highest among the larger nations and her infant mortality of about 160 per thousand is the highest in the world."

In charging the United States with germ warfare, the Red Chinese leaders are using a lie to explain away conditions which China has known for centuries. They are using an existing tragedy to spread hate. Lies won't cure the tragedy. But they give an excuse for not curing it. Lies serve doubly to give the Chinese a demon to blame for their troubles and to spread hate for America among the Communist nations of the world.

GERMANS WANT PEACE AND QUIET

(Neue Presse, Frankfort, Germany)

Our main desire is finally to have peace and quiet in order to be able to set a new course by permanent values. We cannot set it by Allied regulations or by the governess-like warnings of foreign newspapers. And then we want the union of all free men. We have had a bitter experience of what exaggerated nationalism can lead to. In this we are obviously ahead of our neighbors, for otherwise the action of our government in these past days could not have been so grievously misinterpreted. No one, after all, can take it amiss if we want to have a say in the consultations and decisions affecting the lives and the future of the Germans.

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ONE YEAR AGO

(Items reprinted from our issue of April 12, 1951).

Congressman W. M. Abbitt to address a meeting of tobacco growers at the court house Friday night.

Supervisors have annual hearing on county roads, and take action on new county budget.

Methodist Churches announce a training school for young people.

Calvin Robinson, local editor wins award as radio commentator.

Candidates file for election in the town of Appomattox.

Garden Club flower show is set for April 14 and 15.

Bank of Appomattox observes its 50th anniversary.

New Garment Plant, the Virginia Novelty Company, gets into production here.

THREE YEARS AGO

(Items from our issue of April 14, 1949).

Local P-T. A. plans to sponsor performance of "Dear Ruth" by the Barter Theatre Players.

Twelve candidates in race for the six places on Appomattox Town Council.

Final report on Red Cross drive shows $1,205 contributed.

Committee invites President Truman to attend the Dedication of the McLean House in April 1950.

FIFTY - FOUR YEARS AGO

(Items from our issue of April 7, 1898).

Congregation of Liberty Baptist Church debates plan to move the congregation to village of West Appomattox. Letters to the editor in this issue discuss the plan, for and against. One writer opposes the plan because "West Appomattox has two bar rooms!"

(The vote: April 16, 1898, at Liberty Baptist Church, turned out 112 to 69 in favor of moving the church to West Appomattox).

The Farmers Alliance had a called meeting on Tuesday.

Several fishing parties organized for Easter Monday, April 11.

Dr. G. B. Taylor preaches at Hebron and Red Oak Churches.

A Union Sunday Schools meets at 3:00 P. M. each Sunday in the court house.

Town of Oakville boasts of its three general merchandise stores and two blacksmith shops. A third blacksmith shop being built.

At a social function, the U. S. President enters the room ahead of his wife.

The President of the United States cannot be arrested.

'UNDEREMPLOYMENT CITED PROBLEM ON SMALL FARMS

"Underemployment among farm people who have no opportunties for off-farm work, and who are tied by circumstances to small, inefficient units" is cited as a problem by agricultural economists at VPI.

They point out that rapidly increasing costs of land, tools, and equipment make the situation even worse. They believe it might be to the best advantage of the small-farm operators, and to the economy as a whole, if they looked for better employment opportunities on larger commercial farms or elsewhere in industry.

In an analysis of the 1950 census the economists pointed out that the income of 52,000 farms ranged from $1,200 to $25,000. Only 1,375 farms reported the sale of products valued at $25,000 or more. In the other extreme, about 96,000 farms reported sales of products valued at less than $1,200. "This wide range of income presents a real problem for those who would cure the ills of low-income farmers through some programs of support prices, acreage allotments and what-have-you," they contend, "the problem is deep-seated and its solution will require a more fundemental approach."

Many of the farm operators who reported sales of less than $1,200 also indicated that their income from non-farm sources amounted to more than that received from the farm. It is, therefore, inaccurate to divide the income of farmers by the number of farms and conclude that the resulting average presents a true picture, the economists say.

As for value of farm land and buildings per acre—in 1940 it ranged from a low of $16 in Buckingham county to $1,008 in Arlington. Values averaging $50 or more per acre were reported in 30 counties. By 1950 the lowest average value per acre of farm real estate was $27 in Appomattox; the highest was $1,238 in Arlington. Values averaging $50 or more per acre were reported in 90 counties, three times as many as in 1940.

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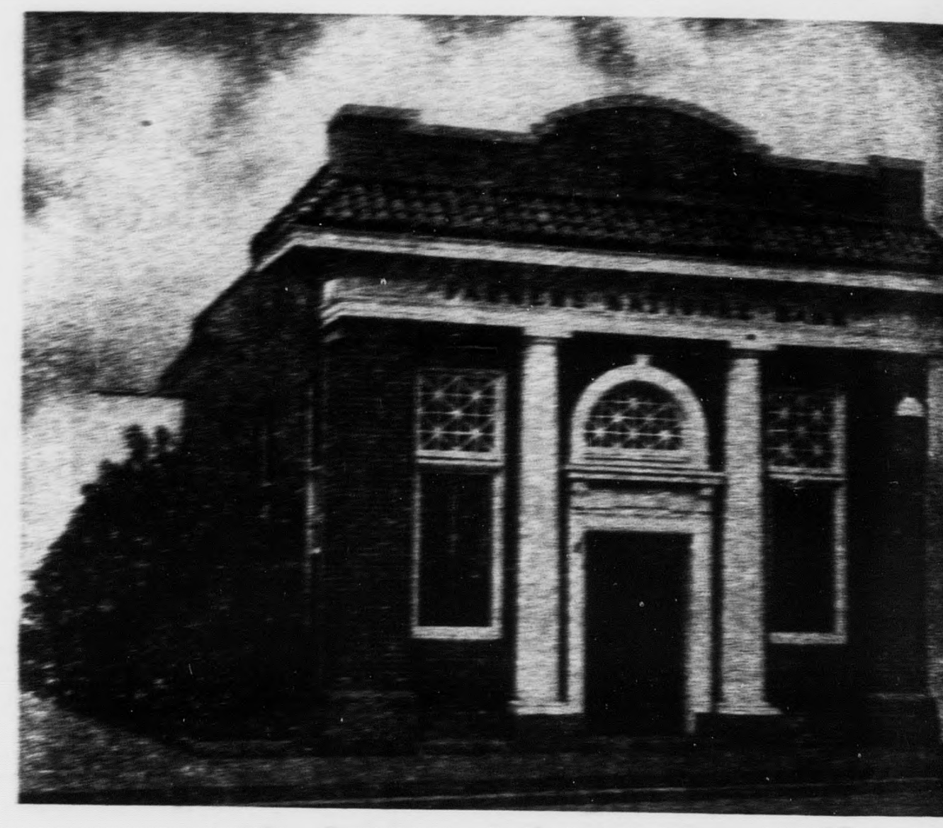

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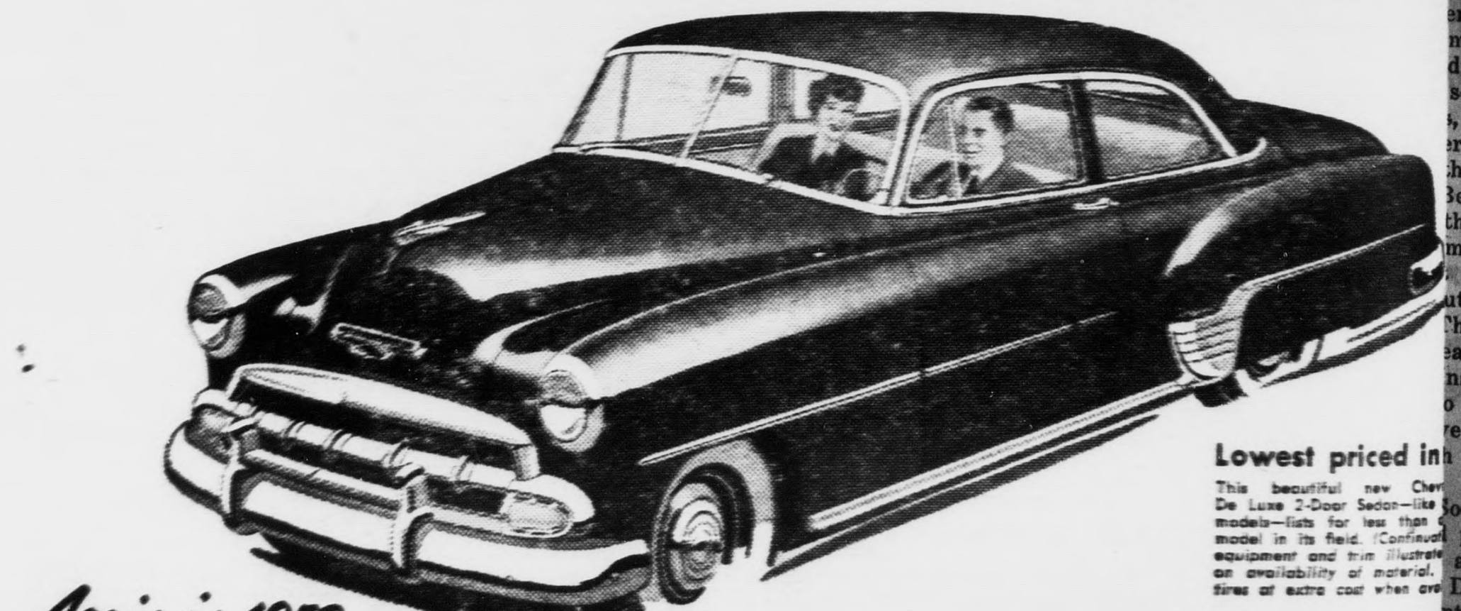

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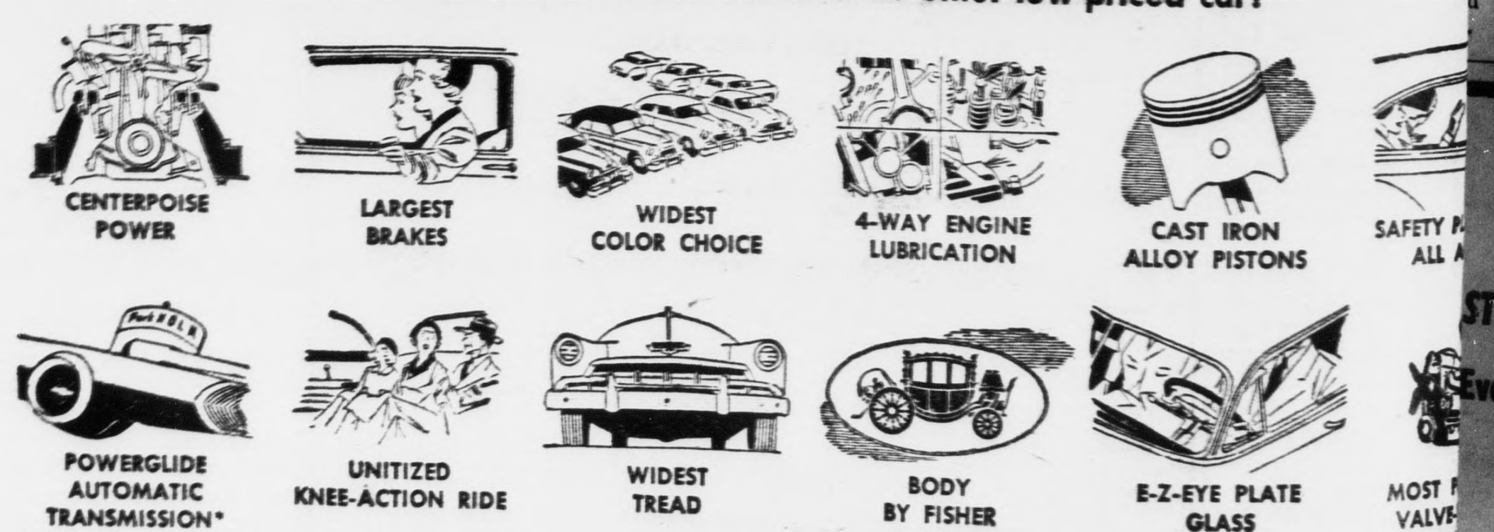

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School Pupils Aid Virginia Travel Council

RICHMOND, April 9—Hundreds f school children now completing usiness courses in virtually every ty in the state are lending then ients to help sell Virginia's his- ric and other attractions to the ast. The Virginia Travel Council s asked them to write all graduat- g classes east of the Mississippi come and see Virginia this spring graduation tours. The letters are ing written on school stationary, e Council furnishing suggestedl et- rs and postage and lists of grad- ting classes. Letters are being ned by th eprincipal of the school at writes them and requests for terial on Virginia are sent to the rginia Travel Council. Officials of e State Board of Education are operating.

The program is being worked out a Council committee, headed by thur M. Wood, Jr., of Stafford, a continuing venture. Mr. Wood plained that it helps to get our rginia pupils to know more about ir own state and at the same time ds their training time to the job "selling Virginia" to other chil- n throughout the nation with om they communicate direct.

Many transportation agencies are operating by following up these uiries through their agents all r the East. Last year the Council orted that Virginia had the grea- t visitation by school and college ups in its history and that this r a ten to twenty percent increase expected as a result of this cam- gn.

"Those who come here on school s can't help but go home better ericans from visiting the many ines in the state to the great men ginia produced for the nation," rge W. Summerson, of Bristol, sident of the Council said in com- nting on the campaign. "And ny of them will come back for r wedding trips within a few rs. Virtually every attraction in state is cooperating by adding r invitations to those being sent m the Council, the state, the nsportation agencies and the ool children of Virginia them- es."

HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

Color loss or changes in garments y be caused by cold wave damage. Many women today are either ting cold waves in beauty shops, are giving themselves home per- nents.. Most use a wave solution a neutralizing solution. The ac- n of these solutions on fabrics is w. No color damage is shown en the solutions are spilled on a ment. They do not evaporate dily. Not even when dry-cleaned some of the garments show color , but as much as three weeks r they may. Others take as long three months.

Be very careful to protect the thing you wear when having a manent. Select a garment you do mind spoiling if some of the ution is accidentally spillel.

These suggestions are based on earch by chemists of the Nation- Institute of Cleaning and Dying, o tested some 1000 brands of cold e set on 26 dicerent fabrics dyed h various classes of dye-stuffs.

Southern-grown cabbage, fresh processed citrus fruits and eggs among the foods listed by the U. Department of Agriculture as ntiful in the South-East for Ap-

Generally, cabbage is seasonally ntiful in April, and if recent price nds hold, this food will continue the budget-buy class for several eks. Broiler production is expect- to contince at a high level. Other foods on the April plentiful include lsh, dates, dried prunes, ans, almonds,cottage cheese, nor dry milk, lard, peanut butter d vegetable shortening and salad

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ADVANTAGES OF SILAGE LISTED BY DAIRYMEN

The advantages of making hay crops into silage usually outweign the disadvantages. R. G. Connelly, dairy specialist, VPI Agricultural Extension Service, says any crop which will make a good hay crop also will make good silage.

If the first cutting of hay is ensiled rather than leld-cured for mow storage, the silo, otherwise idle in the spring and summer, can be used to store the feed. Not only can the silo be filled twice in one year, but proper ensiling will decrease the loss of hay nutrients. The feed can be used for summer emergencies, such as that last year during the drough period, as well as in winter.

Connelly noted that the advantages of grass and legume silage are partly offset by the need for heavy reinforcement to strengthen the silo, since grass silage developes greatpressure as it settles in the structure. Then too, grass silage may have a pentrating order, and should be fed after milking and in a well-ventilated barn to prevent off-flavors in the milk.

When wilted or grass crops are ensiled, more water must be handled than when the crops are harvested as hay, but this disadvantage is easily overcome with modern crop ensiling equipment at considerable saving of man labor.

Silage made from well-eared corn contains more total digestable nutrients, mainly energy materials, and less digestable protein than grass and legume silages. When corn is fed to producing cows, it is necessary to add additional protein either through grain or legume hay.

Connelly said spring pasture growth may exceed the grazing capacity of Virginia Dairy herds this summer; and any excess pasture growth could be mowed and ensilaged to advantage.

EARL R. HALL ASSISTS IN AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING

Earl R. Hall, seaman apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall of Route 4, is assisting in the Amphiobisu training of the Second Marine Divison by the Amphibious Training Command, Little Creek, Virginia.

He is attached to the Naval Amphibious Test and Evaluating Unit which is resopnsible for testing, under field and sea conditions, experimental equipment designed for possible use in amphibious operations.

The Marines will learn how to form into small boat landing teams, descend the treacherous landing nets into small boats bobbing like corks in the water below, and the proper way to assault and seize an enemy-held beach.

NSI Dividends Payments Start

Current 1952 dividends on National Service Life Insurance policies will not be available before the anniversary date of the policies, according to Veterans Administration Officials.

First 1952 dividend checks will soon go into the mails and the order of payment will be roughfly that of the anniversary date of policies, those with January dates being handled first and those with December dates being last.

To receive his 1952 dividend in cash, a veteran who is a NSLI policy holder must request cash payment. Special postcards have been mailed to eligible policyholders on which to notify VA if cash payment is desired. If this request is not made, the amount of the dividend will be applied automatically against any future premiums coming due and not paid.

VA could not predict how soon any veteran who has requested it would receive his dividend check following the policy anniversary date, but said the payments will be made as they can be handled administratively.

The 1952 dividend is payable on policies which have been in effect under premium paying conditions for three months or more between the anniversary date in 1951 and the anniversary date in 1952. The basic dividend rate is the same as that used in the last NSLI dividend payment. Since the last dividend covered a three-year period, a veteran can expect to receive one-third of th amount last received, if his policy was in effect during the entire periods.

The 1952 regular dividend payments will cover a total of approximately two million dollars payable to five million veterans.

Bass Season Opens June 1

Opening day for bass East of the Blue Ridge will be June 1, although the bass season will not open West of the mountains until June 20. As has been true for a good many years the season will close in the East on March 15, and West of the mountains December 31.

One or two special regulations go into effect for the first time. There will be no closed season on bass in Back Bay, and there also will be no closed season on bass on the South Fork Holston reservior. Both of these bodies of water reach across State boundries, and there is no closed season on bass in North Carolina or Tennessee.

There also is a special season for bass fishing in Claytor Lake on the New River. The bass season for this body of water will be open from June 1 to March 31 next year, with an allowance of the months of April and May for a two-months spawning period.

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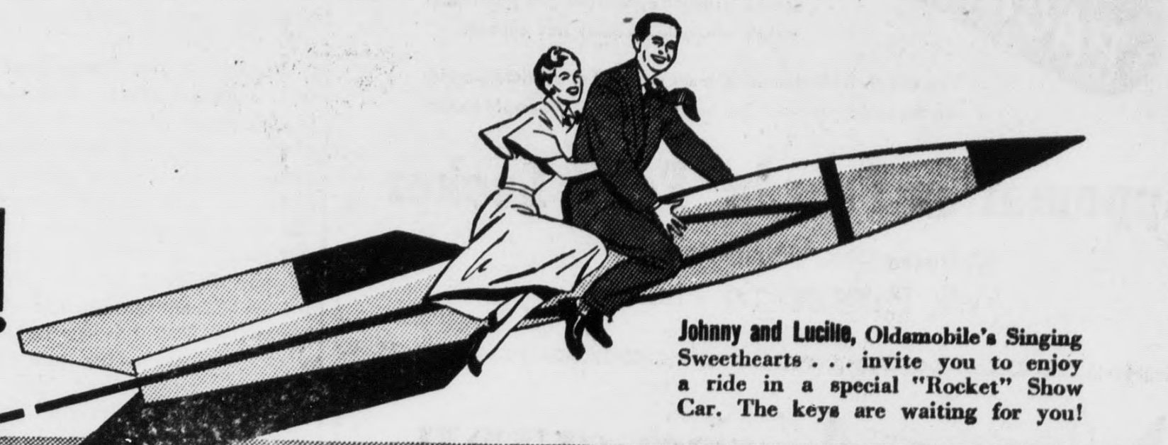

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